

Youth Advisory Board Minutes
March 26, 2015

Present: Barbara Ruhe, Rachael Sunny, Erica Texeira, Ken Lesser, Rachel Bahouth, Todd Willard, Kim Bobin, Jeanine Berasi, Ryan Berasi, Gerri Roberts, and Brooke Berry

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Approval of February 2015 Minutes:

- No edits were noted. Todd Willard made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Erica Texeira seconded. All approved.

Financial Report:

- Rachael Sunny noted that there is currently \$8,088.01 in the Youth Advisory Board account.

Youth Services Report:

- Friday Night Hang Out
 - 86 6th graders are registered for the winter session of the Friday Night Hangout. Runs through March 20th and spring session starts April 17th.
- a.s.A.p. (formally Crossroads)
 - Only running one a.s.A.p. class – Cooking
- Internet Safety Program
 - Scott Driscoll, former police officer and director of Internet Safety Concepts, is scheduled to come April 17th to host 2 internet safety programs at SDMS. Have asked Hartford Foundation to cover cost.
 - Scott will also be doing a PARENT ONLY presentation on April 20th at 7:00 pm at the Community Center

Police and Youth Grant

Old Business:

- Youth Advisory Board Composition
 - Barbara ran in to Sophie Fortunato and she let Barbara know that she has been too busy with school to attend YAB Meetings. Barbara let her know that she needs to resign and she will follow up with her as to whom Sophie needs to contact.
- Youth Volunteer Recognition Night
 - Applications were updated with minimum hour requirement and approved by Superintendent
 - Superintendent however did not approve for the forms to be filled out during school time. Instead they will be backpacked home.

- To help advertise we should ask the PTO and PAC to send the flyer out electronically and remind parents to fill out and submit the volunteer forms
- Guest speaker – Nicole Harte seems to be a little reluctant about being the guest speaker. Other potential speaker names that were suggested are Ted Carroll and Chris Douset (not sure of spelling).
- Rachael will send out a list of what is needed for the event on May 7th. If Board Members could volunteer for something it would help out.
- YAB IT!
 - Rachael ran off 100 copies of the YAB IT! cover letter and application and mailed them to the high school. She also emailed all of the guidance counselors to make them aware of the scholarship application and asked them to share the opportunity with prospective seniors.
 - The scholarship is also posted on the WHS guidance webpage in the “scholarship opportunities” section.
 - It was suggested to have a morning announcement made about the scholarship opportunity as well.
 - Ken, Erica and Gerri all indicated that they would be willing to serve on a sub-committee to review the applications, conduct interviews and determine the scholarship award recipient.
- Mentoring Program
 - After many snow delays Rachael went to go meet with the woman who runs the mentoring program in West Hartford and she is out indefinitely on sick leave.
 - Rachael will be participating though in the mentoring program training that the Governor’s Prevention Partnership is offering on Wednesday, April 15th.

New Business:

- Proposed budget cuts
 - Rachael said that there is currently no update from the state regarding funding from the State Department of Education.
- Summer Nexus
 - Ken shared information with the group regarding the Summer Nexus Program that a Wethersfield participated in last summer.

At 8:20pm Ken Lesser made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Erica Texeira.

Next meeting is May 7th, 2015, at 7:00 PM at Community Center for annual Youth Volunteer Recognition Event.

Respectfully submitted:
Rachael Sunny